Guthrie Public Library

Board Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35pm
2. Members present included Suzette Chang, Kate Corbett, Angie Simonton, and Gary Dickerson
3. Minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.
4. There were no citizens to be heard

Old Business

1. ILLPolicy/Amigos Membership-This was tabled until next meeting.
2. Earthquake Policy-Ms. Chang presented the policy and the board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the policy (motioned by Ms. Simonton, seconded by Mr. Dickerson)
3. Reciprocal Card with Langston and Guthrie Public Library-Ms. Corbett reported that it is the decision of the Langston Library to not go forward at this time. There are many questions surrounding the logistics such as who will hold people responsible for books not returned, etc. Because of FERPA laws, Langston would be unable to share information such as student information (names, phone numbers, addresses). It was decided to table discussion on Library sharing for an indefinite period of time.
4. Armed Customer Policy-Mr. Dickerson presented his research. He presented the board with the policy that the Metropolitan Library uses in Oklahoma County (see attached policy). It was discussed that even though the Guthrie Public Library may have a policy in place, it is the public’s responsibility to know what the law is. For example, it is against the law to open carry in a government building. Mr. Dickerson presented other sources that are in line with the policy written by the Metropolitan Library. Ms. Chang will find out how the new policy would be numbered, and Ms. Corbett asked if we needed to reference the sources/book that Mr. Dickerson used in his research. Ms. Corbett motioned that this be tabled for more discussion at our next meeting, Ms. Simonton seconded her motion, and it was approved unanimously.
5. Literacy Plan-Ms. Jenkinson was absent from the meeting so all discussion was tabled until she is present.
6. Two Year Plan-Ms. Chang stated that it would be a big a project to partnership with the Metropolitan Library. The main problem our patrons in south Logan County are experiencing is that Metropolitan Library System has increased their fees for subscription rates for people living outside of Oklahoma County. The databases are extremely expensive, and at this time the Guthrie Public Library cannot offer these to our patrons. The board’s input is welcome, and there will be continued discussion on this topic.

The USDA grant will be providing for building upgrades.

1. Marketing Committee-The committee was unable to meet before the regularly scheduled board meeting, so discussion was tabled until next board meeting.
2. Reciprocal card with Metropolitan Library System-See part of what was discussed under item X regarding discussion about Metro. It needs to be determined if they would even be interested in participating with us. At this time, we do not know costs involved. Crescent’s library is up and running, and it is known that they would desire some assistance. This would possibly be a start to an outreach into Logan County. Partnership could result in Guthrie Public Library looking into becoming a county library instead of just serving Guthrie residents. It was suggested to research how libraries in Hennessey and Kingfisher handle circulation with people that live outside of their city limits. Further discussion is needed. This was tabled for later meetings.
3. Next Meeting-January 18, 2018
4. Meeting adjourned at 6:16.

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